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Pablo Bobe, 5000

Please consider my submission regarding the Narrabri Gas Project.

I have no objection to the inclusion of my name and submission on your website.

I stand with indigenous peoples of the Pilliga whose spiritual connection to this area is undeniable and the farming families whose livelihoods are likely to be negatively impacted to object to the proposed Narrabri Gas Project and ask the Independent Planning Commission to reject this project. My concerns are listed below.

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It is irrefutable, global warming is real, increasing, and to keep the increase in temperature below 2°C we must keep gas in the ground.

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